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LATTER RAIN REVIVAL SONG BOOK

We have been unavoidably delayed in receiving this book from the press. We will, however, be able to fill all orders this week.

BIBLES AND PENCILS

Those who have sold General Indebtedness Bibles or pencils, please make your remittance as early as possible as this is needed very badly to clear our records.

ACCOUNTS

Those who are indebted to the Publishing House, please give your account your best consideration. It is now time to send out statements again, it being our custom to send them out at the beginning of each quarter. It is very necessary that your account be taken care of for the best interest of all concerned.

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

At the request of S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, to represent him in his absence I had the privilege of attending the Virginia state convention which convened at Pulaski, Va., Aug. 17-20. This convention was well attended and the ministers all did some good preaching. Both the evangelistic and pastoral reports were evident of general success. Six new churches were reported for this year's work in the state, and the churches, despite the depressing times, were made to present a remarkable report from a financial standpoint.

With few exceptions, the work in the state appeared to be moving forward and the spirit of the convention was a real blessing to all present. Brother Vaught, state overseer, has labored hard during his three years in the state of Virginia during which time the Lord has rewarded him with twenty-five new churches. The entertainment committee certainly deserves commendation in providing for and entertaining the delegates. They set a fine table and rendered excellent service.

I was greatly blessed from a spiritual standpoint as well as a physical standpoint. I was not well in body when I arrived at the convention but I enjoyed a physical touch thru the prayers of God's children while there. If others would lift as much in prayers as they did, I feel like I would be entirely delivered from Satan's grip which has effected my stomach for now three years. Please remember me in prayer.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark, Editor and Publisher.

CONSOLATION FOR THE TEMPTED AND TRIED

This is a nice and valuable little book of fifty-two pages compiled by Alda B. Harrison, editor of the Church of God Y. P. E. paper. She has prepared this book for the benefit of Bible students who

have no money to put them thru school. Worthy students may order the book from her and sell them returning to her a stated amount to cover cost of publication. The net profit will be used to defray the expense of worthy students in the Bible School. This is a remarkable chance for students desiring to enter Bible School or to help others thru the school. For particulars write Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

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JOB PRINTING

Your job printing will be greatly appreciated during these depressing times. I find many of you are paying decidedly higher prices for your work than we charge and that you are getting oftentimes a very poor class of work. Please remember that we do first class job printing: envelopes, letterheads, statements, programs, handbills, booklets, etc.

N. R. A.

We are receiving many inquiries as to whether signing of the N. R. A. will constitute the mark of the beast, to which we answer, No. The mark of the beast will be given in the right hand or the forehead, Rev. 13:16. Nevertheless government control is an exercise of those powers given to the beast and mentioned in V. 7, but so long as it only regulates industry and does not effect or attempt to restrain Christian worship and liberty, signing of as agreement by housewives or industries cannot be the mark of the beast. The beast will be the last worldwide emperor who will demand that all mankind worship him, V. 8.

The present form of the government in its effort to create jobs for the jobless is more in harmony with the spirit of religion than it is against it, nevertheless, the regulation of prices and boycott of stores or manufacturers who do not cooperate with the N. R. A. is in the light of V. 17 a characteristic of the administration of the beast. Our present government has nothing in view but the betterment of mankind, altho' the signs of the times point with their unerring certainty that we are headed toward the rise of the final Antichrist.

It is reported that there are now eighteen hundred atheistic newspapers published and that the world is crying for a man to pilot them thru the bankrupt conditions the world is now facing. When he comes he will copy every feature of government rule and practice that has been beneficial of which government control of all industries will be a part.

PROSPERITY IN PALESTINE

With a surplus of four and a half million dollars in its treasury; with an increase of 100 per cent in two years in its exports, and thirteen per cent increase in imports; with new industries to the number of 2,500 having a capitalization of \$25,000,000, and employing 20,000 workmen; Palestine is declared by the High Commissioner, in his report to the Mandates Commission, to have no unemployment, to be in a position to sustain further immigration, and to be generally in a sound economic condition.—The Alliance Weekly.

INCREASE

In 1866 the colored people in this country had 700 churches; today they have 42,000; in 1866 there were 600,000 colored church-members; today 5,200,000; in 1866 there were 1,000 Sunday Schools; today, 36,000.—Unknown.

NOTICES

We would like to hear from Sister O. M. Eartwood concerning her spiritual condition. If not heard from by next conference her name will be dropped.—J. C. Cox, pastor of Cross City, Fla.

Any one wanting to go to Cleveland, Tenn. for the Assembly, write me at once. I have a V. 8 Ford truck fixed with good seats. Will carry each person for \$5.60. Will leave Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 6 at 8:00 a. m., go by Linden, Ocala, Williston, and Lake City.—M. D. Lewis, Plymouth, Fla.

To the Church of God in Georgia: Our dear overseer has just had a bad wreck. I suggest that all the churches in Georgia help Brother R. P. Johnson as he has his leg broken and his dear wife has several ribs broken. Please every church respond to their needs and all pray a special prayer for them.—Rachel Barnes, Enigma, Ga.

To the Church of God in Mississippi: We are now coming to the close of the church year; just a few more weeks and we will be off to the General Assembly. This has truly been a year of conflicts and victories. The churches have made good progress in most places. The Sunday Schools have made good progress. The banner has been awarded to Boonville, Oak Ridge, Oak Grove, and Pisgah Springs. I am asking the ministry and churches to please observe the second Sunday in September as the final mission day drive for this quarter. Come on now for the last great effort for this year. Send one half of offerings taken to Headquarters and the other half to W. B. Wimberly, Houston, Miss., Star Rt. Let the district overseers see that a conference is held in each local church and that the annual report is filled out. Church see that your pastor is able to go to the Assembly. See that his \$5.00 assessment is

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The Value of Praise With Prayer

By PERRY W. HADSOCK

LET your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication **WITH THANKSGIVING** let your requests be made known unto God, Phil. 4:5, 6.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of PRAISE to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name; Heb. 13:15.

"And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole," Luke 17:12-19.

Numerous other passages could be quoted to point out the great value of praise and thanksgiving in connection with prayer. Praise is associated with all God's dealings with the human family; this has always been the case from the very beginning. "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy," Job 38:7.

The words "praise" and "thanksgiving," which are synonymous in meaning, appear all through the Bible. In many instances praise is offered for answered prayer. The first mention in this connection is found in Gen. 29:35 where Rachel, at the time Judah was born, said, "Now will I praise the Lord." "Judah" means praise. The lepers that were cleansed of their leprosy should have had a spontaneous praise, but only one turned to offer praise. Jesus was concerned to know where the nine were who shared like blessing in answer to their cry for mercy. It of course would be more natural for

one to offer praise and thanksgiving for blessings or favor already received. But our first scripture quoted in this article suggests that we are to offer praise and thanksgiving with our prayers. That means praise as we pray.

God has said, "Ask and ye shall receive." This is His principle in connection with receiving blessings from Him. It is, however, very evident that praise in connection with prayer is also attached to this fixed principle. Praise with prayer stimulates faith in the one who offers the prayer. "In every thing (all things) by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

It has been said that prayer is the life of the Christian, and thus it is. It may also be said that praise is a prominent fruit of that life which is the result of prayer.

These are the days spoken of by the Apostle Paul as "perilous days." Men's hearts are failing them for looking after those things that are coming upon the world. But on the other hand these are glorious days for the children of God. These are the days which the Prophet Joel also spoke of, but in different terms to the Apostle Paul. Joel said, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit," Joel 2:28, 29. Evidently we are now living in "God's latter rain," rainy season. These are precious days of ripening the fruit for the harvest. These are days when men ought always to pray and not to faint. These are days when God's children should let their Christian light shine the brighter.

The enemy of our souls and all that is good is waging a desperate fight to thwart God's plan and purpose in every life. Kingdoms are in the balances. Great leaders are being dethroned, and others set up. The commercial world is undergoing drastic changes in most every line.

The spirit of war lurks in the hearts of every nation under Heaven. The attempts to permanently stamp war out have not been successful. Earthquakes are numerous, pestilences stalk over the land, famines are becoming to be common. But right along with the fulfillment of all the prophecies relative to the world conditions, the prophecies concerning God's people are being fulfilled very rapidly and impressively. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh," Luke 21:26. As we acquaint ourselves with God's way of doing things we can more readily say with the Apostle Paul, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," Rom. 8:28. Every trial is a blessing, just a little blessing in disguise, to bring out the true qualities of a true child of God, which He is so much desirous that we manifest in everyday life.

In these days of insane anxiety for worldly pleasure and worldly systems we are admonished in the text to "be careful (ful of care) for nothing." The theme of Paul's letter to the Philippians was "Christian experience." And the great truth he is advancing is that Christian experience is not something which is going on around the believer, but something which is going on within the believer. He said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (1:21). Right then, Christian experience is the outworking whatever one's circumstances may be, of the life, nature, and mind of Christ living in us.

Jesus in His earthly life set a true and correct example for those who would follow Him and inherit eternal life in the end. His was a life of prayer to His Father. Expression of pride and thanksgiving was coupled with His requests made to God. Counsel with friends and those of mature experience is good and profitable. But our text admonishes us to make our requests known unto God. No one can live a consistent Christian life without that constant, continual touch with God in prayer. And no one who lives this con-

sistent Christian life will be void of that overflow experience of spontaneous praise.

The value of PRAISE with prayer cannot be over-estimated. I once heard of a young man who having a desire for Christian training, decided to attend Bible School, though there was a doubt in his mind as to whether or not he was really saved. This doubt was causing the young man much concern, so one day he opened up his heart and confessed to one of the teachers that he was not fully satisfied about his conversion. The teacher at once began to question him, realizing he could never be successful in the study of God's Word entertaining such a doubt. "Have you confessed your sins to God?" asked the teacher. The young man answered, "Yes, with bitter tears I have repented." "Have you, and do you accept Jesus as your personal Savior?" continued the teacher. The young man said, "Yes, I have repented and I do accept Jesus as my Savior, and further, I have

made all possible restitutions, but for all that I don't FEEL like I am saved." The teacher interrupted with the explanation that we are saved thru faith and the moment we believe after having met such conditions to warrant salvation, we are then saved. Then he said to the honest, sincere young man, "If you have met the conditions in repenting and restitution, now praise God for salvation. We are admonished in the Bible to pray with thanksgiving. You have prayed, but you have not praised." The young man followed the instructions and was soon convinced beyond question that God had heard his prayer and had accepted him as His child. Praise moves one into that place of faith that nothing else will. Sacrificial praise with prayer is as fruitful as praise is at other times.

All ten of the lepers prayed, only one PRAISED, he received the extra, special blessing from the Lord. "Praise is comely for the upright."

Preaching

By T. P. DOUGLAS

IN Matt. 10:7 I find the words, "And as ye go, preach" recorded as having been spoken by the Son of God, and we at once recognize Him as the authority for the text which we use in writing this subject.

Why we preach this is easily answered by simply referring to the text; namely, because Jesus commanded us to do so.

WHAT SHALL WE PREACH?

The answer is found in Paul's instructions to his beloved son, Timothy, 2 Tim. 4:1, 2 where he says, "I charge thee — Preach the word." Many other scriptures we could use to strengthen the argument, but let these suffice, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

Now I am thoroughly convinced that much of what we hear palmed off on the world today as gospel preaching, is not really preaching according to the original plan of the great master-preacher who uttered the words of our text. Passing down the street of this city recently, I noted the subject for the Sunday evening service, as advertised on the bulletin board in front of one of the popular churches, and the subject was, "Andy's Old Organ." Well, I set my mind to work to decide how a subject of that sort might be used to reach the hungry soul of some storm-tossed mariner on the sea of time, and to save me, I could not figure it out.

The world is full of so-called and would-be preachers, who are there simply for the thrill of having their name heralded abroad as being able to draw a crowd and take up a collection. This kind of folks are described in 1 Tim. 1:7, and if called upon to tell when, where, and how they got their call to the ministry, they would be in the same deplorable condition as the man who went to the wedding supper

without a wedding garment on. See Matt. 22:12.

It has been said that the two constituent elements in preaching are "a man and a message" and I contend that the ministry of preaching the gospel is a God-appointed office, and they who fill that sacred position must be God-called, God-filled and God-sent; any other class of professors and non-possessors are impostors and will reap the reward of their folly in the judgment.

A MAN AND A MESSAGE

The man must be God's man, and the message must be God's message, and man's only part in the program is to deliver that God-inspired message and keep himself just as far out of sight as the east is from the west. I am reminded of the story of some prominent minister who was introduced to an assembly of church people, and then as they went to prayer, the leader prayed as follows, "Now Lord we thank thee for our brother, but now please blot him out, that we may see thee," and I don't know how the rest of my brother ministers feel, but I pray that God will do for me just what that leader asked Him to do for that brother.

Preaching, real genuine heaven-born, God-inspired, Holy Ghost-anointed preaching will move somebody one way or another, either closer to God or farther from Him. God said it would, and it always has, and it always will. It did at Pentecost, and continued to do so until the ministry departed from the Word and invited the world into the pulpit, and the Holy Ghost was grieved and departed; and since that time the most of the preaching that we have had to endure has been a lot of useless, juiceless, colorless, fireless junk that wouldn't save a poor lost soul in a million years.

Now I do not want to be branded as being opposed to order and system, but, my brethren, when it comes to having to depend on a lot of old dusty, rusty, musty outlines that have been preached over and over so long until the congregation knows exactly what you are going to say next, then I say it is time to call a halt and get back to the old time way of praying down our message from the sky.

THINGS NEW AND OLD

In Matt. 13:52 Jesus makes mention of the "householder" who brings forth out of his treasure, things new and old. Now without violating the rules for rightly dividing the Scriptures, I believe that we could very well say that this "householder" is the preacher of today, and he should be able to keep his flock in a state of expectancy by having something new for them to feed on from time to time.

THE BIBLE IS THE TEXT BOOK and our preaching should always be Biblical in its every aspect, but there are numbers of preachers who never read anything but the Bible, and perhaps do not read that as much as they should; as a result their preaching is along one line of thought all the time and will in time grow stale to the audience.

Recently a good man was sent to fill a pastorate in a city where he had pastored some years before. And when on Sunday morning we assembled ourselves for the first service when he was to speak, we were surprised and shocked when he took the stand and chose for his theme, a subject that he had spoken on so many times before in this same place. Then he proceeded to relate some of his past experience, which we had heard over and over until it was too stale for anything. I made a note of the occasion, and promised the Lord that I would study His Word more closely, read more good books, and exchange thoughts and suggestions with other ministers, greater in power of expression, and more successful than I am, and try to profit thereby.

FEED THE FLOCK

In Acts 20:28 Paul, instructing the elders of Ephesus said, "Take heed, unto thy self; and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (ministers) to feed the church of God."

Note that they were first to take "heed" unto themselves, then to all the flock, to "feed" the flock. No true shepherd pastures his sheep on the same ground all the time, but he is continually looking for new fields, rolling lands of green luxurious grass, shady pastures where he may feed his sheep; and when they have eaten over one field, he leads them on to another. Again, he does not give them stagnant water to drink, but he leads them to flowing streams of cool, thirst-slaking waters, where they may drink and have their thirsty souls revived. Or peradventure he waters them from a well, the water must be drawn fresh every day.

I thank the Lord for my good wife who sits near me while I try to preach, and prays for me; and often I ask her to watch my sermons and try to see if I am making any advancement, or if I am giv-

ing the folks the same "old stale bread" every Sunday. Of course she tries to encourage me, but I fear some times that I am falling short in my effort to feed and nourish the sheep. My prayer is, O God, give us men and women, emptied of self and void of that desire for a reputation, men who are willing to suffer for and with the little flock, forgetting the tithes and offerings, take what God gives them and go after lost souls and go for the worst.

PRAYER AND ITS PLACE IN THE MINISTRY

No man can be a preacher who is not a prayerer. In the New Testament alone, there are about 173 references to prayer. Jesus was the greatest example of a prayer warrior that has ever lived, and how men can expect their preaching to have its God-ordained influence over their congregations, when they never spend thirty minutes a day in communion with the one they are working for, is more than my little mind can grasp. The expression of Paul in Gal. 4:19 gives some idea of what is required in the ministry of soul saving.

EXCUSES

Let us consider some of them. Some have tried to excuse their fruitless ministry and console themselves with the fact that in all of our Lord's ministry here on earth, He had only 120 ready for the baptism with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. This may be true, but these were not all who had believed in Him and were His followers; there were 500 brethren somewhere and I am persuaded that there were many more somewhere besides these.

Then they say that Noah preached 120 years and only got eight souls saved. Well, that's better than many holiness preachers are doing, for we see their boys and girls going to hell while they are busy trying to save the other fellow's; and I have yet to be convinced Biblically that it took Noah 120 years to build the ark.

But let these things be as they may, it is enjoined on us to do greater things than Jesus did, because, as He said, "I go to the Father." Again, He taught that when the Holy Ghost was come, He would reprove, which means to convince or convict, the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. See John 14:12 and 16:7, 8 and again in 15:16 He said that He had chosen and ordained us that we should bring forth fruit and that our fruit should remain. And I do not believe that we are to be satisfied with our ministry simply because we are doing as well or perhaps better than some brother minister is doing. Jesus is the pattern and authority, and not man. Furthermore, we believe that the fact that only 120 received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, has in some way, something to do with the priesthood of the Old Testament dispensation, though we are unable at the present to fully explain how or why, but see 1 Chron. 5:12.

PRAYERS, SUPPLICATIONS, STRONG CRYING AND TEARS

I would have the reader turn to Hebrews and read the entire 5th chapter, then note carefully the 7th verse. Here we have the Chief Shepherd, our Great High Priest, humbling Himself before the throne of the Father in prayer with supplication, strong crying and tears. Turn again to the gospel accounts of this scene and it is said that He, being in agony, prayed *more earnestly* and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Could He have escaped this? Yes, indeed He could, but the world's salvation depended upon Him, and only through the suffering of the Savior could we be at one with God. It is said of Jesus that He was moved with compassion when He beheld the multitudes, and again that as He beheld the City of Jerusalem, He wept over it; but I am afraid that in our ministry there is too much of the spirit of, "If they don't want to go to heaven, let them go to hell." I am reminded of the story of the young man, who, during an altar call, made his way out in the audience to a very intelligent looking man and asked him if he didn't want to go to heaven. The man replied, No. Then, said the young man, go to hell. And he turned and made his way back to the place where he had been before.

Brother, I believe that the true spirit of soul winning lies in the fact of our being willing to cry and pray until God breaks through the enemies' ranks. Do you wonder why your ministry is not more fruitful? Then read Acts 20:19, 31; Lam. 2:11-18; Jer. 9:1, 18; Psalm 126:5, 6; Psalm 6:6; 42:3; 56:8.

CONCLUSION

Just a few more thoughts and then I will bring this lengthy article to a close.

PREACHING

Paul said that his preaching was not with enticing words of men's wisdom, but was in power and demonstration of the Spirit. And it is my honest conviction that ninety per cent of the so-called preaching of today is God-given time and effort wasted, from the simple fact that there is not enough of prayers and tears behind it.

The barren soil of man's heart is glazed over and hardened until it takes something more than dry preaching to soften it. There is a vast difference in preaching to stir up the human emotions and keep the audience in an uproar of ha, ha's all the time, and preaching to break up the fallow ground of the soul and break their hearts with the hammer of God's good truth until they will fall in the altar and weep their way through to Calvary.

I don't suppose I would get many amens to this kind of preaching before an assembly or camp meeting, but that does not move me in the least; I believe I am on Bible lines and I am going to deliver my soul. The old fashion way of both saint and sinner falling in the altar and crying and praying as if somebody's loved ones were dying, until some lost soul

gets home to God, has gone decidedly out of fashion, and before we ever have any more old time revivals, the style is going to have to change again. I'll tell you, brother and sister, we need something more than hand-claps and ha, ha's in our preaching.

Let our preaching become so electrified and dynamical until it will strike as a hot thunderbolt and explode like a ton of dynamite in some sinner's heart and tear him all to pieces; then let us be so anointed with the oil of the Holy Ghost that it will just flow smoothly in and around the cracks and crevices of the heart, and you will see somebody finding their way to the altar in double-quick time and you won't have to sing your lungs out to get them there either.

Now is this all? No. There are many texts and good thoughts that could be well added, but let this suffice for now, and don't forget to pray for us.

REPORT OF S. LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

We are glad to report that our convention which convened at Kentwood, La., July 4-7, was a success.

The welcome address was given by the pastor, W. G. Webb, and from the response we could see that everyone felt welcome. Brother J. B. Cole, state overseer, was in charge and, of course, he let the Holy Ghost have His own way. We felt many showers of the latter rain.

Brother W. H. Black, of Bogalusa, preached for us Sunday morning. His subject was "The Duty of the Pastor to the Church, and the Duty of the Church to the Pastor." It was real admonition and we all came away with a determination to be better pastors and laymen. Brother L. J. Potts, evangelist, also delivered some good messages which were enjoyed by all. I must not forget the good music and singing which made us rejoice in the goodness of the Lord.

The ministers present were Brothers Swinson, Dewitt Sharp, W. H. Black, W. G. Webb, L. J. Potts, J. B. Cole, B. C. Erwin, and D. L. Barrett. We were glad to have every one and also the delegates from other churches.

The reports were fine and the work seems on the upward trend in South Louisiana. Pray for us.—Mrs. W. G. Webb, Kentwood, La.

THE COMING CRISES AND THE COMING CHRIST

A neat little book of 64 pages by Stanley H. Frodsham, editor of the Pentecostal Evangel, dealing with the history of the Jews, their place in the economy of God, their persecution and destiny, the doom of civilization, the coming super-man, atheistic state, revival of Rome, world rulers, judgments of the nations and the testings of the Church. Price 25c. Order of Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

Close By or Near To

By MRS. H. W. POTEAT

Portland, Me.

SOME time ago I read a tract with the above title and as I began to ponder over the following message, nothing more suitable presented itself to my mind for a subject for same. The text is found in Eph. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Abstain means to refrain from. The enemy is today just as wise and subtle as he was on the day he persuaded Eve to fall. There are many, many things which he knows he can't persuade the children of God to partake of, therefore he has many substitutes which are presented in such an innocent form that the children of God are caught in his snare before they are hardly aware of it.

First, we will mention the radio. This is a wonderful invention and if the real God-called ministers were financially able to broadcast, the wonderful gospel could take wings, as it were, and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth. But like most everything else the devil seems to have a mortgage on it, using it to bring to the ears of its millions of listeners volumes of foolishness, which the Word of God positively condemns. Prov. 24:9 says that the thoughts of foolishness is sin. Then can we have God's approval on us if we sit by and lend our ears to listen to those things. This new form of announcement and entertainment is no doubt entangling many in its meshes today, taking the place of the vaudeville and different kinds of shows with many who would throw up their hands in horror at the thought of entering a show. To me this just looks like a case of "close by or near to." I'll admit that valuable information is given thru this medium and if only God's children would have the love of God abounding in their hearts so that they would take the good and leave the bad, but alas! I fear that because iniquity is abounding the love of many is waxing cold, causing them to neglect their Bible and prayer life, the result of which will automatically bring defeat in their Christian experience.

Hand in hand with the radio goes the comic page of the daily newspaper, twining its long arms of deceitfulness around its many victims with its solacing promise that "it's no harm to read something witty and which yields a real point," but listen to Paul's admonition given in Phil. 4:8, "Finally, my brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

Next we will mention bobbed hair. Several years ago when this fad became such a rage the spirit got hold of some of our Holy Ghost filled girls to such an extent that the Church found it necessary to take steps to prohibit it, making it a test

of fellowship. In the face of plain facts recorded in 2 Cor. 11 this seemed to be a shame but again the scripture reminds us that because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. After the above ruling was made we did not have any more members getting their hair bobbed but occasionally then as we do now, we come across some who were "just close by or near to;" namely, the loag bob. "Just trimmed my hair to make it grow," would perhaps be the excuse. If such were the case, enough was left to "do up," but no, it was left hanging loose, which after having been "tousled up" with the curling iron, was not far from a real bob.

Next comes jewelry and costly apparel. Another ruling of the Assembly is to lay aside gold and costly apparel. Some seem to confine the gold to finger rings and with a spirit of submission they will lay them aside, retaining other ornaments such as large brooches, buckles, and ornaments for the hats. Sometimes these consist only of ten cent materials, nevertheless, the appearance signifies a hankering for that which God's Word condemns.

We are made to note the elaborateness of dress among our people. We often hear the expression, "It was given to me, or came in such a manner as to cost scarcely anything," nevertheless the appearance to others is of lavisnness and no doubt workers are often made to suffer for proper food because of this fact. The Bible teaches cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity of dress, so I feel we should steer as clear from the appearance of the world as possible to be within bounds of reason and common sense.

In Matt. 11:7, 8 Jesus asked the multitude concerning John, "What went ye out in the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? What went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet." Nay, it was not John's elaborate dress that drew the multitude but rather the mighty power of God, because St. Matt. 3:4 says, "And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle about his loins." Thru history we learn that this was the common attire of the day. This custom of dress is not in vogue today but it conveys to us the thought that simple attire is the most becoming to a saint of God. It is not necessary to dress "close by or near to" the world to attract the multitudes, but if we will pray down the mighty power of the Holy Ghost the news will be noised abroad and God will get a following thru us instead of man.

Next comes immodest dress. So many things to take the place of what is termed immodest dress. A substitute for the

sleeveless dress is a dress without sleeves, with a cape effect, which partly covers the arms when in a downward position. A slight elevation of the arm causes it to slip back leaving the arm and armpit revealed. Many would think it a disgrace to wear one of the modern backless dresses, but will allow the front of their dress to drop to a very immodest degree. Just "close by or near to!"

These few mentioned things do not include the pajamas which if not worn on the streets are often worn in the home, also the uncovered limbs and transparent clothing which cannot be otherwise termed only immodest.

Another thing is slang and filthy communication which comes "close by or near to" cursing. How unbefitting for a saint of God to use slang expressions. The Word says, "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Timothy admonishes us to let our conversation be an example. Phil. 1:27, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" Phil. 3:20, "For our conversation is in heaven."

There are many other things no doubt which could be looked at in the same light but in conclusion I will quote a verse of a little song I heard years ago, with just a slight change in the first line:

"You partake of all these follies
Which makes your religion cold;
These no-harm sins I'm telling you
about
Will cause you to lose your soul."
Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK A SUCCESS

The Dayton district convention was held at Graysville, Tenn. the first Sunday in August with Brother G. S. Arthur, the district Sunday School superintendent of the Dayton district, in charge. The convention opened with songs, prayers, and short talks by ministers after which we were dismissed for dinner.

In the afternoon we had songs by the schools, recitations by classes, and reports by the superintendents of each Sunday School. We have seven Sunday Schools in this district and we have good Sunday Schools at each place. We had a good day for the convention and surely had a nice time. They spread dinner and all enjoyed the day. The Lord was there and surely did bless, praise the Lord.

We have a good Sunday School at Dayton, Tenn. and the Lord surely does meet with us. Every one who reads this is invited to visit us at Dayton. Some of the Sunday Schools of the district are on the mountains and they have a hard way of getting off to attend the conventions but we had a good report in this district.

We have an average of three hundred and forty-five regular attendance in this district. Brother Arthur is a good district superintendent. He takes an interest in the Sunday School work and has good success. Pray for us at Dayton.—E. H. Long, Sunday School superintendent at Dayton, Tenn.



TESTIMONIES



DESIRES TO BE IN GOD'S SERVICE

ROCKY FORD, Ga.—I feel led this evening to write a few lines to this dear little paper. First of all I praise God for victory in my soul, undisturbed by the foe of our soul, bless His great name. I am glad I love Jesus, I want to love Him more. I want my life to be as a city set on a high hill that cannot be hid. My heart's greatest desire is to be in God's service. I want to be where God can get the most out of my life for His glory, praise His dear name.

Dear saints, I have been very sick in my body now for about four weeks. Sometimes I think I am better, sometimes worse. Will each one of you sisters and brothers take my cause before the throne of God for my healing? I know God is able to heal anything. It makes no difference what it may be. I have been suffering with some kind of heart spells. Will you please pray for me and at that time pray that God will work out His will in my life? Bless His great name.

If Sister Myrtle Whitehead sees this in print I would appreciate a letter from her so much. I have met Sister Myrtle several times and love her very much. I believe she is one of God's handmaids. Just a few words of encouragement from her would be appreciated. I would be glad to hear from any of God's children personally for I love them every one whether or not I know them. I will close with much love to all of God's people.—Yours for the Master, Mrs. Minnie Brown, Rt. 2.

JESUS HELPS YOU

Dear Evangel readers and all who read this pray for me that I might be a real witness for Him. Dear people, as I think of life I often look back at my sinner life and see what Jesus Christ has done for me, and He will do the same for you if you will trust Him. I truly praise God for salvation until this day. Praise God for His only Son that He gave for you and me.

I truly believe that every young boy or girl ought to serve God because the old are passing away and if we young people don't get ready soon the fields will perish and millions will be lost and we will be held responsible. Great God help us. Dear people, get ready to answer His final call. Look up for our redemption draweth nigh.

My heart truly goes out for the poor lost sinner. Remember they have to be saved too. Please do not think too much of yourself and try and help some other fellow along. We need a heart full of love to love our worst enemies and to get to heaven. We get lots of trouble from the devil's children, but thank God Jesus gives us victory over them all.

Every boy, young and old, please live a good life and serve the Lord from your heart and then we will get an answer

from the throne. I am a young boy about twenty-one years of age. I am still praising my Redeemer for what He has done and what He will do for you. I am only too glad that I can serve Him and trust Him for my healing because I am poor and doctors are expensive. It is Jesus that helps you most. I truly want to cast my lot with the Maker for He will see us through until the end.—Wilmer Wilson, 537 E. Pitt St., Bedford, Pa.

WE CALLED ON THE LORD

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—Just a few lines to tell of Jesus' great power to heal. We know He is a healer of all diseases and we can't praise Him enough for it. My little girl had warts all over her hands but we prayed, in faith believing, and the Lord took them away. God also healed us of the itch. We were ashamed that we had it but we could not help it so we called on the Lord and He, realizing our sad plight, healed us. And we give Him all the glory. Please pray for us that we will be true to the Lord.—Mrs. Estelle Mullinax, Blacksburg, S. C.

DIDN'T HAVE TO GO ALONE

Dear Evangel readers, one evening about six years ago as I strolled down the street coming from the theatre, about eight-thirty p. m., I heard a choir singing. I looked over to my right and saw a little tabernacle all lighted up. It was Brother J. M. Lewis, a Church of God preacher, running a revival.

As I made my way in I had a funny feeling as it was the first church house that I was ever in. My father was a gambler at large, therefore I was never allowed to attend church. I was just a small child of about ten or eleven years. As I entered I'm persuaded to believe that God's wonderful searchlight shining from the portals of heaven was turned on my life. The devil said in a loud gruff voice that I was too small to go to church and that it was no place for me without my parents, etc. But on the other hand, Jesus in His sweet way of talking to His saints, said in a soft, kind but clear and distinct voice, "Seek ye, the Lord while he may be found. Today is the day of salvation." The devil came back again and said that I was too young to be in church and especially to go to the altar, but bless the Lord he had to leave when the Lord let me hear the Scripture about "Remember the Lord in the days of thy youth." The sermon finished, I started to leave, but God's messenger was talking to me and said that God's Spirit would not always strive with man. My heart was tender. I made my way to the altar and got saved that night. Afterwards I went every night until God gave me that wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

After I started in the way of holiness I didn't have to go alone, praise the Lord,

My oldest brother (now a minister), two sisters (one of whom is a preacher and the other is still on the firing line), and above all, my precious mother who had lived in sin for forty-four years also started. God wonderfully saved and healed her.

It was one evening after my brother was saved that mother was seriously ill. Daddy said, "Go after the doctor." In about thirty minutes he came back with two carloads of dear old saints of God. Mother had been an invalid practically for eight years, on the bed of affliction the majority of the time. But on that night when the saints got hold of the bell cords of heaven and actually prayed the effectual fervent prayer, the prayer of faith, God raised her up, James 5:14. She weighed one hundred and fifteen pounds when the Lord healed her and from then on she weighed around two hundred pounds, and is strong and healthy.

We have a father, two brothers and one sister out in the world. Pray that God will save them before His Spirit is taken away, or the brittle thread of life is clipped, also pray that I will live a godly life in this present world so when the Book is opened my name won't be absent.—Vernon Coleman, Rt. 1, Box 137, Lakeland, Fla.

MEANS TO LIVE FOR HIM

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—I praise our blessed Savior, He is so much to me. I praise Him for this wonderful highway of holiness for the great Church of God of which I am a member. We trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies. He has healed us many times since we have been in this wonderful way.

Five weeks ago our nine months old baby scalded her foot with boiling coffee and it looked like she would have spasms. I was just having to hold both her hands and feet. We sent out for the saints to come and pray for her. They came and we prayed for her and she went off to sleep about twelve o'clock and slept until about four o'clock in the evening. The Lord gave her relief right then. Oh, how I praise Him for it. Some thought we would have to sit up with her and carry her that night, but she was put to bed at bedtime and slept all night. It didn't seem to hurt her at all. Her foot looked as if three of her toes were going to come off, so we sent a cloth to Brother L. G. Rouse and asked him to pray for her. When the cloth came back, we prayed for her and applied the cloth in Jesus' name and the sore began to dry up. Oh, how I praise the Lord. He is such a wonderful Savior. I could tell many other things the Lord has healed us of. I ask all the saints to pray for me for I need your prayers.—A sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Solomon Hastings.

My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.—Isa, 55:11,

NOTICES

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supplied. Now friends, don't fail me at the time I am counting on you.

Please any minister who has set a church or churches in order, send me the report of same, also report to Headquarters, E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.—Your brother and co-worker, T. M. McClendon, overseer of Mississippi.

We are having a mission rally here Sunday, Sept. 10. W. E. Raney of the Bahamas will preach on missions in the morning and will preach on another subject that night. All neighboring churches are invited.—W. Frank Smith, pastor, Winnsboro, S. C., Rt. 4.

We are now engaged in a tent meeting in northwest Roanoke, Va. We request every one to pray for this meeting. This is a new section of the town for the Church of God. We have been here only three nights and the tent is full already. If you can, come over and help us. Any Church of God preacher passing thru, stop over.—J. H. Daniels, evangelist, in charge.

The revival at Harriman, Tenn. is a great success. The attendance is large. So far twelve have been saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and seekers still calling on God. Labor Day is set apart for an all day meeting, baptizing and communion service. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a basket full and stay all day. Brother B. G. Rosenbaum, evangelist, in charge.—F. D. Davis, pastor.

We will have an all day service and dinner on the grounds at Greenwood, S. C. Every one come and bring a well filled basket. Everybody welcome.—R. E. Lovell, pastor.—(Note: Date was not given).

NOTICE TO PASTORS

Please hold a conference some time during the first two weeks of September and have the clerk fill in the Annual Report Form that was mailed to them some days ago. This is IMPORTANT.—General Secretary.

There will be home coming at the Hartwell, Ga. Church of God Sunday, Sept. 24. We are expecting to have several visiting ministers from different places, including Brothers Tharp and Whittington and others. Every one is invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Come and enjoy the great feast from heaven. Also we hope to have our state overseer, Bro. R. P. Johnson, if he is able to come. Every one pray that he will soon be able to be out again. God is able to heal him and let him come.—Yours in the Master's service, Orion L. Alewine, district overseer.

To all the churches in the state of

Texas: As it is almost the close of this Assembly year, it is now time to select your pastor for another year. Now you may use the same method that was used last year as this has proved very successful. You may have your two deacons or leaders (where there is no deacon), and arrange for one of them to give out slips of paper to each member, then each member write the names of the minister they would select as pastor, writing first and second choice. Drop slips of paper in an envelope prepared by the other deacon. Seal and mail it to me. Please do this at your earliest convenience. Be sure to get them to me not later than Sept. 20.—Your humble brother, J. C. Coats, Box 235, Weatherford, Tex.

After due consideration we have decided to discontinue the church in Chicago. Any member in good standing there may receive a transfer to the church near you by writing me. We hope to be able to get a good man in Chicago later to open up the work.—M. P. Cross, Overseer of Illinois.

To the Church of God people everywhere: It has been a long time since I wrote to the paper but I am on my feet again after being sick so long. I am preaching from town to town and where the Lord leads. I am open for calls for revivals anywhere the Lord leads. If any one needs a revival let me know at once. I thank the Lord for victory over the devil and over sickness.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Pruitt, Appleton Mill Sta., Anderson, S. C.

Conference will be held at Ludville, Ga. Church of God the first Sunday in September. We want all the members to be present if possible as there is some business to attend to.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, clerk, Rt. 3, Talking Rock, Ga.

The Church of God at Ravenna, Ky. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sadie Norman and Vick Moris. If not heard from by next

conference, Sept. 11, their names will be dropped from the record.—Travis Daniel, clerk.

I am getting a bus for the purpose of carrying a load to the General Assembly. Any one who lives in the following towns or in their vicinity who is interested in going to the General Assembly of the Church of God at a very cheap rate, please let me hear from you at once: Greenwood, S. C., Honea Path, S. C., Belton, S. C., Anderson, S. C., Seneca, S. C., Hiwassee, Ga. Clayton, Ga., Murphy, N.C., or on or near this route.—R. E. Lovell, 720 Reynolds St., Greenwood, S. C.

We started a revival at Barnabus, W. Va., Aug. 20 and covet the prayers of all that God will give us great success. Brother Jesse Lavender is doing the preaching. We extend a welcome to all the neighboring churches to come and help us.—S. B. McCane, pastor.

A BLESSED REVIVAL

ALMA Ga.,—I am praising God this morning for full and free salvation. I praise God for Brother Archie Carter from Jacksonville, Fla., who just closed a revival at Center Hill church, Coffee, Ga. Brother Carter surely is a man of God. Every sermon he preached was under the power of the Holy Ghost. Brother Carter is a man that lets the Holy Ghost have His way. God surely did bless here at Center Hill. While Brother Carter was here seven were filled with the Holy Ghost, four saved and sanctified. One of the seven that received the Holy Ghost was a Free-will Baptist preacher. Many were healed. I can recommend Brother Carter as being a clean man. Anyone needing a preacher to hold a revival may write him. His address is Archie Carter, Gen. Del, Jacksonville, Fla. Pray for me.—Hughie Kenney.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.—Titus 3:5.

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

MISSION NEEDS

Please let us remember the mission needs during the remainder of the present Assembly year as our expenses will be unusually heavy in the return and re-appointment of missionaries. Some churches as well as individuals and conventions have been making a special effort during the last little while, and despite the depressing times we feel that our folk have paid more mission money than formerly, but the amount is yet en-

tirely too small. Please take your offerings regularly and raise your quota as outlined by the Assembly proving your faithfulness both to Christ and the Assembly that has commissioned you to preach the Gospel.

The work on the mission fields has been successful this year in a general way and we have much to be thankful for and should feel a true yoke of fellowship with Christ the Founder of missions and the work He has left us to do.

cannot go as often as we wish, but God is able to give us a Church of God here if we will only live the life, and trust in Jesus. Pray for my companion that he may get the Holy Ghost and be a worker for God.—Your sister under the blood Mrs. J. J. Phillips, Bethel, Ohio.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I have been suffering with a hurting in my side and stomach trouble. I have trusted God for twenty-six years for my healing and have been healed many times. I am still trusting in God.—Your sister in Christ, Fannie J. Holmes, Goin, Tenn.

Please pray for the healing of my body. I have been real sick almost a week and I am trusting the Lord.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Talking Rock, Ga.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray for God to heal my two children of chills and fever. I have a nine year old boy who has had fifteen chills but we are still holding on to God for His healing. The devil is raging because we are standing on God's promises. Please pray for me to get the full blessing. My husband has the Holy Ghost and we are trying our best to raise our children for God. Pray for our loved ones to be saved.—Vallie Isaac, Holly Ridge, La.

REQUESTS

Pray for my sixteen-year-old boy who is in trouble. Please have a special prayer for him as soon as you read this. Pray that God will deliver him from this trouble. He's a believer in the Church of God. His mother has been in the Church for seven years and is still on victory's side. We ask all the saints to join us in prayer for my boy.—A sister, Mrs. Maggie Hood, Metter, Ga. Rt. 2.

Please pray a special prayer for God to heal my body. I have a bad case of stomach trouble, also pray for God to heal my husband's head. A pain stays in his head all the time. He can't sleep or rest. Pray that God will fill him with the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Alma Francis, Colorado, Tex., Rt. 3.

I request the readers of the Evangel to please pray for the healing of my body of the fever.—Jesse Danehower, Forrest City, Ark., Rt. 2.

Pray for me. I have been having chills for about eight weeks. Pray that God will heal. I believe God can heal, also pray for my little boy. He has his arm broken. Also pray that I will be saved before it is too late.—Kirby Dungan, Campbell, Ala.

Saints of God everywhere, please pray for the Lord to heal me and my children as we have been sick for some time and are looking for the Lord to heal us. We desire your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. S. F. Causseant, Otter Creek, Fla.

Please pray for a man with an intestinal disease and other diseased organs. Pray that all burning pain be cast out. Pray that his mind will be healed of defects and restored to normal. Pray that he be healed of catarrh of the head and that all ringing will leave. Plead the blood of Jesus that he may be made whole. Pray that God will take away my

dizzy spells too.—Yours in Jesus, A. J. Callander.

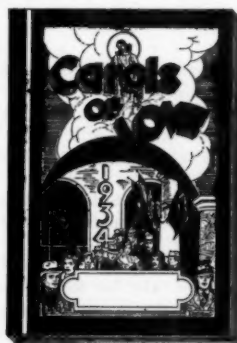
Please pray for us here in Brown County, Ohio. There are six Church of God saints here at this place and we want a greater zeal for God, with more power for service.

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

I held a ten days' meeting in July at Mountain Ash, Ky. One man was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. There was good interest at this place. When I am at Williamsburg, Ky. I preach there. We had a good meeting Sunday night. I want to be loyal to the Church of God in every way. Pray for me that the Lord will send me where He wants me to go.—Your humble servant, M. E. Middlebooks, Williamsburg, Ky.

CAMBRIDGE, Md.—The Church of God at East New Market is in a revival at Cambridge. God is blessing. There is a Pentecostal meeting going just across the street but it does not hinder our services. Pray for this place. It looks like a church is coming forth for God. Brother A. L. Stanley is in charge, assisted by Brother George Stich.

E. TALLASSEE, Ala.—I want to report a revival just closed here, conducted by the writer. Several were saved and sanctified and about six received the Holy Ghost, one of whom was my wife. Praise God! Four united with the church. Pray for us and come by to see us.—A. H. Batts, pastor.

THOMASTON, Ga.—Our revival started Saturday night, Aug. 19. Three received the Holy Ghost Saturday night and Sunday night. Brother H. L. Knight is doing the preaching. Pray for the meeting.—W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

RUTLEDGE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for victory through the blood and for the abiding of the blessed Holy Ghost. I find real joy in serving the Lord. Oh, it means so much to me.

I praise the Lord for the three weeks' revival here at Coops Stand which was run by Brother Jack Corley and wife of Chapman, Ala. Ten souls were saved. Six of them were sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The Lord surely blessed Brother Corley. I thank the Lord for the good old Church of God and the way of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will hold out faithful to the end. Pray for me.—A brother in Christ, Lee Sellers.

VANCEBURG, Ky.—We have just closed a very successful revival at Vanceburg. Brother Branhan from Maysville delivered the messages every night for fifteen nights. God was present at every service. Our able pastor was present in a few services. Anyone desiring a revival will make no mistake in securing either of these ministers, Brother H. W. Hamilton, or Brother W. B. Branhan. Seven were saved and four sanctified. Two received the Holy Ghost, eight were baptized in water, and eighteen united with the

church. Our membership is now twenty-six. We are praying and looking forward for a real Church of God right here in Vanceburg. We also have a nice Sunday School.—Mary Stephen.

WARRIOR, Ala.—Dear saints of God, I feel like the ten days' meeting in June held at Kimberly, Ala., with Brother C. T. Dunn in charge was too splendid not to be mentioned. Several were filled with the Holy Ghost, others were saved and sanctified. The Lord sent a shower of blessings. Most all the converts were young. Thank God, it's good for the old and young alike.

Brother Dunn felt like we needed something to keep us busy so he organized a C. of G. Y. P. E. Our president is a splendid leader who is trying to put God in front. We feel like it will prosper if God is leading, so we ask every one to pray for it and pray that it may be carried on in a way pleasing to Him.—Ernestine Crane.

PATTONVILLE, Ohio.—We are praising the Lord for victory through the blood of Jesus. We just closed a five weeks' meeting. We had the devil to fight but the Lord surely did bless. There were three saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the great Church of God. Many were under conviction but they would not surrender.

At the close of the meeting we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We had a good time with the Lord. Every one pray for the good people at Pattonville, and pray for us that we will do what the Lord would have us do. There are three of us—my aunt, her son who plays the guitar and sings, and I.—Evangelist Floyd Vallance.

EUPORA, Miss.—Our meeting started at Boynhem Chapel church the 16th of July. We had a grand time. Elder U. B. Daniel surely did preach and work hard to save souls. Six were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, they spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. We thank the Lord for having the blessed experience ourselves and that with fire. I mean to stay busy for Jesus until He comes or calls for me.

I want all the saints to pray for me and my unsaved husband, that the Lord will save him. I love the saints of God. We have a good Sunday School at this place. I am proud that I belong to the dear old Church of God, the one He purchased with His own blood. Pray for me.—Sister Hattie Jamison.

LEPANTO, Ark.—I can still report victory in my soul. We have been having some good meetings from time to time. We have purchased a nice building in the

town of Lepanto in which to worship, size 40x60. We are all poor saints and need help to pay for it, so I am asking everyone that reads this to pray that God will make a way whereby we may be able to pay for it.—Stella Watts, Lepanto, Ark.

THOMASTON, Ga.—I wish to write a few words of encouragement about the little Church of God at Thomaston, Ga. The Lord surely does bless His people here in the little church which is called by the Lord's name. I feel like giving dear Brother and Sister Sullivan the roses while they live (not after they are dead), as they are both good preachers and Sunday School workers. We have a good Sunday School here. The number is increasing, also the interest is good. We have services four nights a week, the Lord blesses our souls, and the sick are being healed too. Anyone passing thru here who believes the whole Word rightly divided might stop over with us. Our pastor's name is W. A. Sullivan, who lives at East Thomaston, just off Barnesville Street.—Your unworthy sister, Mary Lynch.

I praise the Lord for a full and free salvation. I thank the Lord for our revival which closed a few days ago. It was conducted by our pastor, Brother J. J. Cox. Several sought the Lord. One was sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost, five were baptized in water and five came into the church. The revival closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing and the Lord surely did bless. We are expecting to have another revival soon and ask all who read this to pray for this meeting here. It seems hard to stir the people. Also pray for my husband to get more faith and power. Pray for all of us at New Eden for we need your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Luther Davis, Ludowici, Ga.

BEAVERTON, Ala.—Today I am thankful to say I have found the way to gloryland, and a Church that is right. About three years ago God wonderfully saved my soul and filled me with the Spirit. About one year ago I became a member of the Church of God. We are in a revival now. Sister Etta Newman, Sister Ada Ledbetter and some young people from Kennedy church are helping us work and pray. I thank God for Sister Newman who is helping build up a church here. This is a new place. We hope to be able to report soon that a new Church of God has been set in order. Please pray to that end. I want to be a worker for the Lord in whatever way I can, and I mean to work for the Evangel. Pray for me.—Lula Mixon.

We started a revival at Pine Grove June 2 and it ran till July 9. We had a wonderful time. God blessed. There were fifteen saved, nine sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Lesley Hicks did most of the preaching. God surely blessed his efforts. He is only sixteen years old and surely God has anointed him to preach the gospel. We

had our district overseer, E. E. Coleman, with us. He preached two sermons which were food to our souls. He and his wife sang songs that were enjoyed by all. Brother and Sister L. V. Hall and daughter of Branford, Fla. were also with us for the 4th of July. We had an all day service. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were with us and everyone enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. Pray for our church. The enemy burned our church house but we have another one now.—Bessie Lyle, leader, O'Brien, Fla.

Brother George Petty has been with us for the last two weeks and we feel that much good has been done. We had only an arbor for him to hold meetings in. Some nights the weather hindered, yet God blessed the Word. Four testified to being saved, two were sanctified and on the last Sunday, June 11th, the closing day of the revival he set a Church of God in order here with four members. Another was added to the night service making a total of five. There are others who are looking this way and I believe will soon come in.

Brother George Petty is now in Pineview, Ga. where he is conducting a meeting. God bless him in his labors is our prayer. We ask the great Church of God family to pray for this little baby church in Eastman that we will grow for Jesus and be a lighthouse to others.—Mattie Claspell, clerk, 500 R.R. Ave., Eastman, Ga.

REPORT OF ALABAMA STATE CAMP MEETING

The Alabama state camp meeting convened at Alabama City, Ala., July 21-30 inclusive. There was a large delegation from various churches, and in my estimation this was the greatest in the history of Alabama camp meetings. Several quartets including the Gilley Quartet, Harmony Four of Alabama, and Cornutt Quartet of Alabama City rendered special numbers. The Ball brothers duet and the Sumiton and focal bands rendered special music during the entire camp meeting all of which were greatly enjoyed.

Brother G. C. Dunn, local pastor, gave the welcome address Friday night, July 21st, after which there were responses from visitors making every one feel welcome and free. Brother P. F. Fritz, pastor of Montgomery church, spoke on "Being of One Mind and One Accord." This was greatly enjoyed and a benefit to all its listeners.

On Saturday morning after a good old time testimony service Brother Bill Shumaker spoke on "Obedience—Disobedience." In the afternoon Brother O. J. Plake preached a wonderful sermon after which Brother L. G. Rouse gave a talk on "Faith and Divine Healing." We were glad to have Brother Rouse stop over and visit us and we are sure many were blessed thru him. He was in charge of the services Saturday night. Many were prayed for and believed and were healed.

After Sunday School Sunday morning

Brother Raymond Taylor preached on "Lifting up and Living the Standard." How great is the need in this day that the standard of right be lifted high to the lost world. I trust that God will bless all those striving to lift and live the standard in carrying His Word and Gospel over the country. The afternoon services were in charge of Brother Colon Dunn, superintendent of C. of G. Y. P. E. of Alabama. There were reports from all districts represented. The Y. P. E. is certainly growing in Alabama and we are proud of the work that has been done by them. We have many new Y. P. E.'s. organized and expect to have more by the time the Assembly convenes. Brother Rouse had charge of the Sunday night services. There were about one hundred and twenty who came for prayer. God wonderfully healed many who came believing.

Monday morning Brother Prince, pastor of Jacksonville, Ala. church, gave us a good sermon entitled "Jesus Puts a Man on His Feet." In the afternoon Brother Ball spoke on "Eagles Wings of Faith." After evening services, excellent choir singing and special songs Brother Smith, a newcomer from Texas, preached on "Death and Judgment."

On Tuesday afternoon the Y. P. E.'s. were in charge with Brother Albert Reed as leader. During the remainder of the camp meeting the morning services were devoted to questions and discussions and the Y. P. E.'s. were in charge of the afternoon services. God blessed in both services each day and I am sure those who were privileged to attend the Bible study in the morning were well repaid. On Tuesday night Brother Gardner preached on "Redemption."

On Wednesday night God blessed in a most wonderful way. Brother Leland Burroughs was to preach but God saw fit to give several messages and interpretations. The altar was filled and many people stirred. The following night twenty-one messages with interpretations were given out.

On Friday night Brother Ball preached. He has not been in Alabama very long but we appreciate him very much. I would like to make special mention of the good sermon Brother Hartline preached encouraging the Y. P. E. members. It certainly was fine and appreciated by Y.P.E. boosters.

Saturday night Brother G. C. Dunn preached on "Feed My Lambs and Feed My Sheep." God blessed wonderfully this night and several messages with interpretations were given out.

On Sunday morning, July 30th, after Sunday School Brother W. S. Wilemon took for a text "Rejoice in the Lord Always, and again I say Rejoice." The afternoon services were taken up with reports from the various Y. P. E. representatives. Brother Nance preached on "That that you Do Quickly." There were many encouraging words spoken in behalf of the Y. P. E. and the young people of Alabama appreciate all those who are behind us and boosting the Y. P. E. Sunday night our state overseer, Brother W. W.

Harmon preached on "Therefore Being Justified by Faith We have Peace with God."

A large per cent of the preachers in Alabama attended the camp meeting. Many came who were unable to come financially but simply came on faith. We appreciate the efforts put forth by the "boys" of Alabama. Often our state overseer has spoken of his appreciation for the cooperation and loyalty given by them during his work over the state. God certainly blessed in a wonderful way and many encouraging words were said to help along the way. The music was unusually good and I am sure every one appreciates all the quartets and each one who did their best to help make the camp meeting the success that it was.

I would also like to express the appreciation for the delegates for the splendid hospitality of the people of Alabama City, and also thank Brother Jim Cornutt and his coworkers for their work on the entertainment committee. They certainly did their part as well as many others. May God bless their efforts.

I have heard many who attended this camp meeting express themselves as this being the best camp meeting they had ever attended, and if time goes on we expect a much greater one next year.—A member of Harmony Four Quartet, Mildred Murphree.

SAINTS LOYAL TO CHURCH

DESDEMONA, Tex.—I thank the dear Lord for full and free salvation that keeps every day. I am glad for the Church of God. I love it, love its teachings and mean to stand true to it. Our little band of saints is growing in number and I can surely say that they are true blue and loyal to the church and to our pastor, Brother O. B. Bolton. In regard to our Sunday School, there is none better. Our superintendent and all the teachers are real Holy Ghost filled people.

We have recently closed a revival conducted by the Texas state evangelist, Brother S. C. Chambers, assisted by his good family. The dear Lord surely did bless through the entire meeting which ran just a little over two weeks. About twenty-five were saved, twenty sanctified, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water and fifteen added to the church.

After the revival closed Brother and Sister W. M. Ford from Mt. Vernon, Tex. visited the church here. Brother Ford preached two more nights and it surely was good to hear him again. Brother Ford was our pastor last year and we were certainly glad to have him with us. We also had a message from Brother George Whitfield which was enjoyed. Sunday afternoon we had the baptismal service. Please pray that our band will continue to grow, stay humble and in the center of His will.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. H. N. Creager.

Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace.—Job 22:21.

Y. P. E. STATE CONVENTION

The Florida state convention of the Church of God Young People's Endeavor convened at Lakeland, Aug. 4-6. On Friday evening the convention opened with a devotional service after which the welcome address was given by Brother H. L. Chesser, local pastor. Responses were given by Bessie Bower, Jesse Deygoler, Lillian Lamb and Etta Connor. An altar service followed.

Saturday morning service opened with songs and prayers. Bro. Maxey Thomas then spoke on "The Y. P. E. and Its Purpose." Other subjects during the morning were "Behavior as Becometh Holiness," "The Blessings of a Spiritual Life," and "Organization with Cooperation." Owing to the absence of some of the speakers on the program others had to be substituted but each one handled his subject well and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Intermingled with these good talks were special songs and music.

Our state superintendent, Brother E. W. Williams, called the business session to order at two o'clock that afternoon. Brothers W. B. Sumner and L. R. Alderman were reelected assistant superintendent and secretary and treasurer respectively. We discussed different questions. An important matter that we discussed was that each local Y. P. E. should be loyal and cooperate by reporting at least quarterly to the state secretary. The aim of our Y. P. E. is to secure a gospel tent and finance a spirit-filled evangelistic party for the spreading of the gospel to new fields exclusively in our state. What nobler aim could be suggested?

In the Saturday evening service the presence and power of the Lord was manifested greatly in our midst. Sister Etta Connor led the praise service and every one seemed anxious to praise their great Redeemer. Sister Maggie Chesser of Ft. Myers brought us a God-inspired message on "Time and Its Importance" which was followed by a good altar service. Praise the Lord for His manifold blessings to the children of men.

On Sunday morning Brother L. R. Alderman spoke on "Prosperity in His Service, How?" This was good and he brought out many good points. Brother Williams then delivered a soul-stirring sermon on "Is there not a Cause?" The Lord surely blessed and gave him great inspiration. Every one listened attentively and enjoyed this good message. Prayer and the importance of praying through rang out as the main theme throughout the entire convention. After this sermon we adjourned for lunch which was served on the ground and enjoyed by all.

During the afternoon service reports of the districts were given. Surely the Lord is blessing our Endeavors to promote His cause. Music of the convention was under the able direction of Brother and Sister Ernest Kerce. Brother Benny Jones was in charge of the string band. We were glad to have Professor Otis McCoy with us Saturday afternoon who sang the favorite "Jericho Road." This song was also used effectively by the quartet

consisting of Sister Kerce, Brothers Ralph Williams, Kerce and H. L. Chesser. Other quartets favoring us were Ft. Myers quartet, Largo quartet and the Lakeland quartet.

Delegates from the different churches greatly appreciated the kindness and hospitality shown by the Lakeland people. Praise the Lord for His blessings to the Y. P. E. May our Endeavor progress so that He may prosper us and manifest His blessings and approval in a far greater measure. The convention came to a close with the quartet singing "Precious Memories."—Yours for the C. of G. Y.P.E., Lois Blanton, Clearwater, Fla.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Tim. 1:15.

PERFECT PEACE

By Rev. David J. Donnan

I do not ask to see the way
My Lord would have me tread;
I only know from day to day,
I shall be safely led.
Should sorrows come, or foes increase,
I shall not be afraid;
I shall be kept in perfect peace,
My mind on Him is stayed.

I do not ask to understand
The working of His will;
I only know His guiding hand
In love will guide me still.
His care for me can never cease,
Why should I be afraid?
I shall be kept in perfect peace,
My mind on Him is stayed.

ATTENTION, BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Calhoun, Ga. Rt. 2,

Dear Sister Harrison:

Aug. 23, 1933

I was glad to hear of the plan you have for us to get money to help us pay our way thru Bible School. I think it is a good plan too, and I am going to endeavor to do what I can about selling the books. I'm sure I could comply with the rules you gave—about furnishing recommendations from the pastor, but as he is away in a revival Sister Jackson is writing. She is going to help me sell the first ones.

I will be willing to send the first ten dollars worth we sell, to the Publishing House, as you say do, and the other to Brother Walker. If for any reason I can't go myself next term, I will be glad to help some one else.

If you are willing to trust us with credit, we will be glad that you will send us one hundred. We wanted to get to work on them, that's the reason we didn't wait for the pastor to come back. Hoping you'll trust us I'll close with much love.

A sister in Christ, Vertie LaFever.

This letter sounds like our little sister is in dead earnest, doesn't it? Then we are glad that Sister Jackson is on the job helping to hold up her hands. I know Sister Jackson and am sure that she will do her best for we had her as our helper when we published the Lighted Pathway. If we had some more sisters and brothers who would lend a helping hand we would see the Bible School go over the top for Jesus this year.

We know that time is short till the opening of school and it will take everybody helping to put this thing over. Can't some more of our brothers and sisters, boys and girls, come to the front and help out? Send for a hundred of the books and help that boy and girl in your church to get ready to come to school this term. You could do nothing that would do greater service for the Master. Watch that boy's or girl's face shine when you offer your assistance.

Perhaps ten of your Y. P. E. members would agree to sell ten books among their friends and turn the money over to the Bible School for some good boy or girl. One church has done this already. Then send for one hundred and soon you will be financing that student through school. Hurry, time is short! We will furnish the books as fast as you can sell them. Send us recommendations from your pastor or some official in the church to which you belong. Please don't forget to send stamped envelope. Send all orders to Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.—Yours in the interest of educating our boys and girls, Alda B. Harrison.

~:~ Sunday School Lesson ~:~

Lesson 11—September 10

JONATHAN

Text: 1 Sam. 18:1-4; 20:35-42.

Memory Verse: John 15:12.

Time: about 1025 B. C.

Place: Gibeah, Saul's capital, and other places in southern Canaan.

Golden Text: A friend loveth at all times.—Prov. 17:17.

Leading Thought: A true friend is willing to sacrifice for those whom he loves.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

1 Sam. 18:1-4

V. 1. "And it came to pass when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul." The event had in reference is the introduction of David to Saul after the slaying of Goliath when Saul returned in the company of Abner, Saul's general. "That the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David." Literally, was bound up with or knitted together in firm and indissoluble bonds. "And Jonathan loved him as his own soul." We are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves but very few ever measure to that standard. However, it is certain that Jonathan and David did. "It is clear that it was not the personal bravery of the boy, hero, or the rare skill he showed in the encounter with Goliath, which so singularly attracted Prince Jonathan. These things no one would have admired and honored more than the son of Saul, but it was more than splendid gallantry and rare skill to attract that great love of which we read. What won Jonathan's heart was the shepherd boy's rare faith, his perfect child-like trust in the 'Glorious Arm' of the Lord. Jonathan and David possessed one thing in common—an intense, unswerving belief in the power of Jehovah of Israel to keep and to save all who trusted in Him."—Dean H. D. M. Spence.

V. 2. "And Saul took him that day." Possibly to the palace, chap. 14:52. "And would let him go no more to his father's house." The bond of affection between Jonathan and David was unlike that found in the family tie or even among women, in which Saul shared for a time.

JONATHAN AND DAVID MAKE A COVENANT

V. 3. "Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul." We do not suppose that this covenant was made immediately but as David constantly proved his ability and likable features Jonathan became all the more attached to him, their friendship becoming so strong that they finally entered a covenant to safeguard each other's interest their whole life long.

V. 4. "And Jonathan stripped himself of

the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David." The exchange of garments was a frequent feature of the blood covenant that was like that made between Jonathan and David. "And his garments." His military dress, chap. 17:38, 39. This would be in great contrast to the shepherd boy's rough garments. "Even to his sword." Swords were rare in those days. "And to his bow." This was a special weapon, 2 Sam. 1:22, and is mentioned in David's song. "And to his girdle." In clothing David in his own princely garment and equipment, Jonathan was bestowing upon David his greatest honor, Esther 6:8. Such gifts were and are still highly esteemed in the East.

DAVID IN HIDING

1 Sam. 20:35-42.

V. 35. "And it came to pass in the morning." The day after Jonathan had interviewed his father concerning David. Perhaps Jonathan, though crowned prince, was tempted to go into exile with David because of his extreme love for him. "That Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David." The field was perhaps familiar to both Jonathan and David and may have been used as ground for shooting matches. "And the little lad with him." The lad knew nothing of their agreement and was used to serve as a go-between and for the purpose of carrying Jonathan's artillery.

V. 36. "And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot." The arrow was the signal between Jonathan and David, coupled with exclamation from Jonathan himself, if there was evil determined toward David. "And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him." The Hebrew says, "making it pass over him." V. 37. "And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?" This cry was the signal agreed upon between Jonathan and David. It told David that there was danger from Saul toward him.

V. 38. "And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not." The words seemed to have been spoken to the lad. They were nevertheless intended for David whereby he knew there was evil determined against him. "And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master." That is, the ones that Jonathan had caused to pass over him. The commands of haste and speed served to keep the lad's mind attracted so he did not discover the secret between Jonathan and David.

V. 39. "But the lad knew not anything." Only Jonathan and David knew the matter. The secret between Jonathan and David had previously been so arranged that the lad knew nothing nor should any spies from Saul have been watching, they could have known nothing of the effect.

V. 40. "And Jonathan gave his artillery

unto his lad and said unto him, Go carry them to the city." The yearning heart of Jonathan towards David from whom he must be separated now seeks for its last time to assure David once again of his love and to give encouragement and caution. Therefore, he managed to get rid of the boy by sending him back to the city.

THE PARTING OF JONATHAN AND DAVID

V. 41. "And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of the place toward the south." David was hiding by the stone Ezel, meaning "the stone of departure," which may have derived its name from this event. "And fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times." This was a usual oriental custom signifying honor one party to the other. It seemed to say to Jonathan that David honored him and had no desire to succeed Saul as king instead of Jonathan. "And they kissed one another and wept one with another." This was customary in the East as will be remembered in the case of Naomi and her daughters-in-law. "Until David exceeded." The rendering seems that David broke down and was completely mastered by his grief.

V. 42. "And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace." The covenant made between them, Jonathan lastly assures David that it shall be kept and that he may depart in peace. "Forasmuch as we have sworn, both of us in the name of the Lord." That is, calling God to witness their vows. "Saying, The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever." The thought is, that like as Jonathan and David were bound together in covenant, even so each of their children should likewise be bound. "And he arose and departed! and Jonathan went into the city." "From which one may infer, what the after history also indicates, that Jonathan's filial duty and patriotism prevented a complete rupture with his father. Jonathan's conduct in this, as in everything, was most admirable."—Bishop Arthur Harvey.

GOD'S POWER WAS PRESENT

We praise God for the way He is blessing the church here at Lenoir. How we thank God for the full Gospel, also for our pastor and his faithful wife. Brother Stallings has worked faithfully at this place. When they came here a little over a year ago we had no church house and only twenty-three members. Today we have a nice church building, also a nice six-room parsonage and around seventy members. We are having wonderful meetings.

We thank God for our Young People's Endeavor. They are on the firing line with Brother Albert Childers as president and Brother E. A. Harris as superintendent. We met Sunday evening in the regular service. We began to sing and pray and the power of God came down. There was shouting and talking in tongues. Sister E. A. Harris rose before the pastor had time to take his text and preach. She took the pastor's subject and preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Please remember us in prayer.—A sister, Mrs. Mattie Oxintine, Lenoir, N. C.

IN NEED OF GOVERNMENT

WILMAR, Calif.—Our Sunday School convention convened at Wheeler, Calif. The Lord was with us, and there was sweet unity among the saints. Four of the Churches of God were represented there. Our State Overseer, Brother Ingram, from Long Beach, Calif., was with us and gave a good talk on Sunday School work, and it was enjoyed by all.

Each church marched to the platform and sang a song; and the Lord certainly blest. Brother Ingram is on fire for the Lord; he spends his entire time in the Lord's work. Brother G. E. Anthony from Lubbock, Tex. was with us; he surely is on fire for the Lord. He was up here last Sunday and preached at a Pentecostal mission. He gave a good message on the Church of God, but I don't think it suited the people so well. We are thinking of starting a revival here at Wilmar, if we can get a building, and I believe God will give us a place, for the people surely need the Church of God here. Please pray for us that God will open up the way for us and give us a good revival. There are plenty of places to work here. If any preacher of the Church of God wants a place to work, come to California. The people are looking for the Bible Church. We need many laborers in the field, for the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. You can see the signs of His coming on every hand. This state surely is full of sin, so pray for us in California that we will preach the truth and stay with the teachings of the Church of God, for they surely do need government in the churches here. If any one cares to write us, we will be glad to hear from you. Your brother in Christ. —Marvin Smith, Rt. 2, Box 278, San Gabriel, Calif.

NUMBERED WITH THE RE-DEEMED

DUTY, Va.—We held our convention at Duty, Va., a newly organized church which has a total of fifty-six members. Seven of them have applied for ministerial license. We had a good service. It seemed that God was present. The convention began June 30 and continued to July 2nd. Our state overseer, Laud L. Vaught, was with us and our district overseer, H. O. Kirk, was present also.

There were large crowds present. The convention was held under a brush arbor. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is the Richlands District convention. All who read this pray for this new church that God will add to the church such as should be saved, and that we will be in the redeemed number when God shall wake the sleeping nations.—Albert Farmer, clerk.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. —Isa. 26:3.

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DIST. MEETING AND HOME COMING A SUCCESS

The Wilmington, N. C. Dist. Meeting convened with the Church of God at Broad Creek, July 28th. At 7:30 p. m. the service opened with song and prayer. At 8:00 o'clock the welcome address was given by the pastor, response by Brother R. C. Peiar. At 8:20 Brother John L. Stephens, our beloved State Overseer, came forward with a soul-stirring message on "The Need of Unity in the Church," which was a great feast to our souls, and much rejoicing took place, after which the service closed.

Saturday, at 9:30 a. m. songs, prayers, rejoicing, dancing and speaking in other tongues marked the beginning of the day's worship. At 10:15 a. m. Brother Austin Hewet came forward with a message on "Why Believe in Holiness." Here again the great power of God fell until several minutes were consumed in praises and thanksgiving to God. O how wonderful was the presence of the sweet Holy Ghost! After this, three sisters came forward and sang a special, "You Call that Religion." This was indeed fine, after which our district overseer, Brother G. C. Hamby, came forward with a Holy Ghost-filled message on Bible Tithing. This was filled with the mighty presence and power of God. He proved by God's own Word that this was God's only plan for financing His great cause. Those who were really paying their tithes were made to rejoice and many who had not been believers were persuaded to begin. He also proved that the place to pay them was where God chose to place His name, and we believe it is none other than the great Church of God. Praise the Lord for His own Word for our guide! Noon dinner was served on the ground. At 2:30 we began with song services, prayer, etc. and heard many soul-inspiring testimonies. At 3:15 Brother Stephens, our state overseer, came forward with a message on "Advice to the Ministry," which was indeed good. And we were all made to rejoice and tighten our hold on God. After this, Sister Mollie Creech, of Wilmington, delivered a short message on "Prayer and its effects." This was so ordered and accompanied by the precious Holy Ghost till many minutes were spent in shouting and dancing and speaking in other tongues, after which was given a report of the churches. Our dear Brother Gore of Wilmington delivered a message on "The Reason Why We should be Organized." This was indeed fine. He proved that nothing could exist long without a system and that God's plan was a systematic plan. Next, Brother Mat Atkins, a young man, delivered a message on "The Church of God Y. P. E." This truly was a God-given message. Many were made to rejoice, both young and old. He gave such godly advice to the young people and how important it was to seek the Lord in youth. This was indeed a blessed feast. After this all stood, and thanks were extended the church and community

for the hospitality and care of the people. Afterwards came the close of the convention. Then came the last day (Sunday) which was Home Coming. The service opened with songs and prayer, after which Brother F. D. Hardy gave a fifteen minute talk on "Faith and Its Effects." This was good. He gave us many Scriptures on Faith. We hardly knew there were so many references on Faith in the Bible. Brother Palmer of Norfolk, Virginia came forward with a message on Love, which indeed was soul-inspiring; it completely harmonized with the Faith subject, as the Word declares that Faith worketh by love. This subject was amply handled by our dear Brother Palmer, after which Brother Atkins delivered a message on Prayer, "Can I be Saved Without It?" And he proved we could not be saved without praying, neither could we stay saved without continuing to pray. This indeed made us to feel more and more the great need of prayer. Next came Brother Leonard of Wake Forest with a message on "Works, and how can They Stand." This was wonderful, as it so blended with the other messages on Faith, Love and Prayer. These all work together, as works cannot stand without faith, neither can faith without works; both of these must be accompanied by prayer and love. These messages were encouraging. Brother Stephens, our overseer, then gave a wonderful message on "Encouragement to God's People," which we felt was the need of the hour, using for his text, Luke 21: 28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh." This message brought tears of joy and praise and thanksgiving to God for His goodness to us in the hour of distress. Services adjourned for noon. The congregation made their way to the shore, (which was only a few hundred yards from the church) where a fable forty yards long had been erected where three hundred pounds or more of good nice fried fish and other good things to eat awaited them. About twelve hundred people came forward and partook of the nourishments. At 2:30 services recommenced. Song by the congregation, after which the churches were called. Each pastor gave very encouraging reports. This marked the closing of the greatest Home Coming we have ever attended. Sent in by the pastor.—N. A. Cagle.

DIST. CONVENTION HELD AT LANCASTER, OHIO

The Columbus Dist. Convention, which was held July 21-23, was a great blessing to all from the beginning to the end. The saints shouted and danced as the blessings came showering down from the glory-land. Every speaker spoke under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

We opened the meeting Friday night, July 21, with a good song service followed by a concert prayer. The welcome address was given by the local pastor, Bro. D. T. Smith, and responses from the field were given by Gwendolyn Linn, Ezra

Criner, Hermia Leadman, Derald Seeley, Frank Delong, and Harriet Grimm. A short discourse was given by Brother F. W. Rollins of Columbus, choosing as his subject "The Revelation of a Lost World." We were then dismissed by our State Overseer, Brother E. Haynes.

The Saturday afternoon service was opened with a good song and prayer service. After this a short talk was given by Brother Ward of Columbus. It was enjoyed by all. Then Brother Rollins preached on "The Trinity." We were dismissed from this service by Brother Criner of Columbus.

The Saturday night service was mostly devoted to the Y. P. E. of the Lancaster church with Sister Harriet Grimm, the president, presiding. The magnificent power of God was certainly demonstrated in this service. After the Y. P. E. program was completed, the report of the churches was heard. We were dismissed by Brother Rollins.

Sunday morning service opened at 9:30 by Brother Haynes. The Sunday School lesson was explained with a chart by Frank DeLong, the superintendent. A message on "Loyalty" was delivered by our State Overseer's wife, Sister Haynes. Another message on "Steadfastness" was delivered by Brother Hershel Dillinger of Jackson, Ohio. We were dismissed by Brother Smith. A "pot-luck" dinner was enjoyed by all at the home of Brother and Sister Seeley.

Sunday afternoon service opened with a good song and prayer, followed with special singing by Brother Dillinger. The outpouring of God's Spirit was great; the saints dancing and talking in tongues and magnifying God made all resolve to get closer and labor harder than ever before. A short talk by Brother Criner was heard, followed by a message on "Love" by Brother Hutton of West Junction, O. We were dismissed by Brother Criner.

The Sunday night service, which was the closing service, was opened by a good song and prayer service, followed by special songs by Brother Dillinger. Then a good old fashioned testimony service was enjoyed, being conducted by Brother Haynes.

The closing sermon was preached by Brother Dillinger, choosing as his subject "Sin," using as his text Rom. 6:23. This brought the convention to an end. We were dismissed by Brother Haynes. Please pray for the church at Lancaster, also the Y. P. E., that they may rise and shine for God. Pray for this district as it is a ripe field in which to work.—Gwendolyn Linn.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The State Sunday School Convention will convene at the East Chattanooga Church, at 10:00 o'clock, the 2nd Sunday in September. Don't miss this great feast. —F. M. Waldron, State S. S. Supt.

NEW FIELD WON

We are thanking and praising God for victory over sin and the devil. Thank Him for His plan of salvation, His way of delivering souls from the yoke of bondage. Glory to God for victory! I feel it deep down in my soul just now. The Holy Ghost is abiding with me today.

We came here to a new field on June 26 and opened fire on the enemy. The folks came out to hear the Word of God as it was given out with power or the Holy Ghost. At first they just sat and listened but after two or three weeks they began coming to the altar seeking salvation. Up to this time thirteen have received the Holy Ghost. Some have been saved and some sanctified. The power is still falling and people are getting old time conviction on them. On the 23rd we had water baptism. Fourteen were buried in water baptism, and fourteen came into the church.

When we came back to the church from the water we had grove service and two received the Holy Ghost, and one was reclaimed last Friday night. Four have received the Holy Ghost since then. Praise God for His wonderful power. The revival is still going on and the Lord is still pouring out His Spirit.

There are three of us in the work together—husband, myself and Brother Ira J. Hand, a young man, consecrated to the service of God. He is a preacher and can sing and make music on the guitar. He is a wonderful worker and preaches part of the time. He is afflicted with heart trouble and a hurting in his side, so pray for his healing. Also pray for me that I will stay where the Lord can use me. We are on the battlefield for lost souls.—Pearl E. Greene, Patterson, Ga., R. 1, in care of M. Strickland.

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